

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF  
THE DIVISION OF WORK  
CALENDAR YEAR 2000**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2000-4**

**WORK ORDER**

Under 28 U.S.C. § 154, effective February 1, 2000, the judges are assigned these matters:

1. Chief Judge Richard S. Schmidt
  - a. All statutory duties of chief judge for the district.
  - b. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Schmidt's docket in the Brownsville, Corpus Christi and McAllen Divisions.
  - c. 100% of all bankruptcy cases filed in the Brownsville, Corpus Christi and McAllen Divisions of this district.
  - d. 100% of all bankruptcy adversary proceedings filed in the Brownsville, Corpus Christi and McAllen Divisions of this district.
2. Judge Manuel D. Leal
  - a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Leal's docket.
  - b. 26.25% of all Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
  - c. 22.50% of all Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
  - d. 26.25% of all Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division, except Chapter 11 cases assigned by virtue of the Complex Chapter 11 Case procedure.
  - e. 100% of all Chapter 12 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston and Galveston Divisions.

- f. 100% of bankruptcy adversary proceedings arising under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Leal.
- g. All bankruptcy cases in Brownsville and McAllen and Laredo from which Judge Schmidt or Judge Steen are recused.
- h. Such additional cases in Brownsville and McAllen as may be assigned by the Chief Judge.

3. Judge Letitia Z. Clark

- a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Clark's docket.
- b. 13.75% of all Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- c. 22.50% of all Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
- d. 13.75% of all Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division, except Chapter 11 cases assigned by virtue of the Complex Chapter 11 Case procedure.
- e. All of the Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Galveston Division, including Complex Chapter 11 cases.
- f. 100% of all bankruptcy adversary proceedings arising under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Clark.
- g. Liaison for United States Trustee.

4. Judge William R. Greendyke

- a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Greendyke's docket.
- b. 26.25% of all Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
- c. 22.50% of all Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
- d. 26.25% of all Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division, except Chapter 11 cases assigned by virtue of the Complex Chapter 11 Case procedure.
- e. 33% of all Complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.

- f. 100% of all bankruptcy adversary proceedings arising under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Greendyke.
- 5. Judge Karen K. Brown
  - a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Brown's docket.
  - b. 26.25% of all Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
  - c. 22.50% of all Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
  - d. 26.25% of all Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division, except Chapter 11 cases assigned by virtue of the Complex Chapter 11 Case procedure.
  - e. 33% of all Complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
  - f. 100% of all bankruptcy adversary proceedings arising under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Brown.
- 6. Judge Wesley W. Steen
  - a. Retention of all bankruptcy cases and adversary proceedings presently on Judge Steen's docket.
  - b. 7.5% of all Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
  - c. 10% of all Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston and Galveston Divisions.
  - d. 7.5% of all Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division, except Chapter 11 cases assigned by virtue of the Complex Chapter 11 Case procedure.
  - e. 33% of all Complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed in the Houston Division.
  - f. 100% of all bankruptcy and adversary cases pending in the Laredo and Victoria Divisions.
  - g. 100% of all bankruptcy cases filed in the Laredo and Victoria Divisions.
  - h. 100% of all bankruptcy adversary proceedings arising under or related to bankruptcy cases assigned to Judge Steen.
- 7. All Judges

- a. When a judge is disqualified or he recuses himself, the case will be randomly assigned to another judge, or reassigned by agreement between the judges where circumstances warrant.
  - b. Applications for temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, and similar emergency matters will be considered by the judge to whom the bankruptcy cases is assigned. If that judge is not available and the emergency requires prompt action, the matter will be referred to the chief bankruptcy judge or, in his absence, the next senior bankruptcy judge available.
  - c. These arrangements do not deprive a bankruptcy judge of jurisdiction of any case, proceeding, or matter, but they are made to expedite the disposition of cases. A bankruptcy judge may try cases and handle other matters for another bankruptcy judge by consent.
  - d. The clerk of court will review the case filings monthly to determine the equitable division of cases and recommend to the bankruptcy judges amendments of this order when the existing division of cases appear inequitable.
8. The allocation of cases may be reconsidered at any time and shall be reconsidered for calendar year 2001.

Signed at Corpus Christi, Texas this 7 day of Feb, 2000.

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RICHARD S. SCHMIDT

Chief Judge

United States Bankruptcy Court